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## "Hopeless" Deadlock At Paris

Paris, July 1.  
Britain and France today rushed plans for American aid to the Western European bloc as it became virtually certain that the Foreign Ministers' conference would end on Tuesday in total failure.

Mr. Bevin was reported to have described the Anglo-French efforts to draw Russia into the all-European joint recovery plan as "hopeless."

British and French sources said the conference session at 4 p.m. would be the final one barring a complete reversal of attitude by M. Vyacheslav Molotov.

Facing a division of Europe into a Soviet dominated and Western economic bloc, Britain and France urged their preparations to rally Western countries into the Marshall programme.

They are expected to issue an appeal to all European countries that wish to join them in a common programme.

Diplomats believe Britain and France would set Sept. 1 as the deadline for submitting an overall plan to the United States.

**Western Bloc**  
British and French sources believe it would be much easier for the Western European bloc to obtain Congressional approval of American loans than if the programme included Russia and her satellites.

Diplomats suggested the Western European bloc will probably include Britain, France, Eire, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Italy and the Western zone of Germany. It is not certain whether the Scandinavian countries would join because of

## BOAST OF BLACK MAQUIS "25,000 Men Ready To March On Paris"

### Comb-Out Of Army Ordered

Paris, July 1.  
The leader of the Black Maquis said today in a clandestine interview that 25,000 armed men were ready to lead a "march on Paris at the appropriate moment" to establish an anti-Communist Government.

Existence of the Black Maquis was disclosed yesterday by the Interior Ministry. It was announced that leaders of the movement, plotting to overthrow the republic and establish a "military dictatorship," were arrested.

In today's interview the self-described Black Maquis boasted "for every one of us they arrested there are two to take his place."

Meanwhile Breton chapters of General de Gaulle's Rally of the French people moved today to purge themselves of possible unbecoming elements following an Interior Ministry assertion that "Black Maquis" plotters had tried to enter the organization.

While there was no hint of any direct connection between the Rally and the Black Maquis, whom the Ministry accused of conspiring the overthrow of the government, Rally leaders in Brittany warned that any members of their geographical position and the economic ties which some of them have with Russia. It is also uncertain whether Portugal will participate. Spain has been counted out by the French.

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### PRAISE—THEN GAOL

York, July 1.  
Veteran saboteur John Ramsay was summoned from jail during the war to serve as a Commando behind the lines opening enemy supply lines.

### H.K. And Trade With Japan

Resumption of private trade with Japan has been fixed for August 15, although no transactions can be completed before September 1.

No information is yet available as to detailed arrangements for the conduct of trade, but it is certain that trade will be subject to considerable restrictions. Accompanied by SCAP for a very limited number of businessmen from August 16 and visits to Japan of restricted duration will be permitted as from that date.

Applications may therefore now be made for entry into Japan and should be addressed to the Department of Supplies, Trade and Industry for submission to the appropriate authorities in the United Kingdom; they should provide the following information:

(a) Name of applicant;  
(b) Precise purpose of proposed visit and place in Japan to be visited;  
(c) Date and duration;  
(d) Any information which may be of assistance in assessing the importance of the visit—e.g. previous connections with Japan.

Certain accommodation may be available in advance of August 15 for banking, insurance and shipping companies. Applications from such firms should be accompanied by a completed application form for entry into Japan, obtainable from the Immigration Office, Oriental Building.

It should be noted that applications will be accepted only from firms whose head offices are registered in Hong Kong.

### MUNITIONS SHIP EXPLODES

Rome, July 1.  
60 crew members and stowaways were killed when the Italian ammunition transport "Ganigalla" exploded while being unloaded at Porto Santo Stefano, 200 miles north of Rome on the Tuscan coast.—United Press.

### NOT HAPPY OVER U.S. POLICY IN JAPAN

London, July 1.  
A Foreign Office spokesman indicated that Britain was dissatisfied with several aspects of United States policy in Japan. The spokesman said, however, that Britain backed General MacArthur's view that the peace treaty with Japan should be written within the next 12 or 18 months.

"We agree too, that such a treaty need not necessarily wait for the signing of the German treaty," he added.

A reporter asked him whether the British Government agreed broadly with a recent statement attributed to Dean Acheson, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, who said that "there is not much more to do here by way of a directive or political and social programme in Japan."

The spokesman answered: "The statement made in the House of Commons recently by Mr. Bevin is still His Majesty's Government's governing pronouncement on the subject."

Mr. Bevin had declared in a Foreign Affairs debate that everything was not as Britain wanted in Japan. The spokesman disclosed that British representatives in Tokyo have been asked to report to London immediately on the circumstances surrounding MacArthur's decision to allow the

## Fighting Flares Up In Java

Batavia, June 30.

Fighting flared up in Indonesia, with a five-hour clash between Dutch and Republican troops near Mojokerto, 30 miles southwest of Sourabaya, today, according to Antara, the Republican news agency, while moves for formation of a broad-based Coalition Government of Republicans were being made.

This fresh clash of arms came as the Dutch authorities were awaiting an Indonesian reply to their latest proposals for a settlement of the crisis.

The Republican mayor of Batavia, Mr. Soejitro, had earlier appealed to the population to remain quiet and be prepared for any eventualities.

An early reply was expected from the Republican President, Dr. Soekarno, both to the Dutch proposals and to the United States note, appealing for an early settlement.

Steps for the formation of a Coalition Government were taken by the President of the Republic, Dr. Soekarno, who invited the cooperation of four political leaders—the "Left wing" group, the Indonesian Muslim Party, the Nationalists and the Indonesian Labour Party.

Dr. Sutan Sjahrir meanwhile declared, in a broadcast over the Jogjakarta (Republican Headquarters) Radio that "further negotiations would be useless" if the Dutch did not accept Dr. Soekarno's reply to their latest memoirs.—Reuter.

### Army Communicate

Batavia, June 30.  
Indonesian Army Headquarters announced today in a communique that during the past two days Dutch forces shelled several points in the Mojokerto area, 25 miles west of Sourabaya.

The communique said Indonesian and Dutch units "clashed" at Bulu village in that vicinity.

Dutch air activity over Western and Eastern Java and extensive patrol activity were reported.

The communique said that on the morning of June 25 "two sections of Dutch troops clashed with the Indonesians for five and one-half hours north of Mojokerto."—United Press.

### STADIUM SCHEME OFF

It is reliably learned that the scheme for construction of a 35,000-seater sports stadium this autumn has had, temporarily, to be abandoned. Expected shipments of steel rods from the United Kingdom for the concrete work will not now materialize, it is disclosed, and all existing stocks will be required for building construction.

## 150 Dead In Rail Smash

Yamaguchi, July 1.

The Japanese police reported today that between 100 and 150 passengers are believed dead and injured in a train wreck on the main Sanyo line skirting the Inland Sea.

First reports said the locomotive was derailed and fell into the sea after which three passenger-laden cars overturned between Kudamatsu and Hikari stations in the Yamaguchi Prefecture in Westernmost Honshu.

In Tokyo, the spokesman of the Transportation Ministry said reports up to 4 p.m. today—three hours after the tragedy—said ten were killed and 50 injured.

Cause of the accident is not yet known.—United Press.

## Trade Conditions In China

Shanghai, July 1.

Extremely difficult trading conditions in China during the past year as a result of the "unholy partnership" of civil war and economic stagnation were emphasised by the Chairman, Mr. John Keswick, in a speech before the annual general meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce today.

He expressed the devout hope, however, that "for our own sakes but especially for the Chinese people, that the dawn of peace and the return of prosperity will not be long delayed."

He added: "As a merchant, I have faith in China and the ability and determination of its citizens to continue to trade under conditions, which would drive less resolute, ingenious and philosophical people to despair."

In the course of a 6,000-word report, Mr. Keswick expressed particular dissatisfaction with the continued exclusion of foreign flag shipping from China's coastal and inland water trades and hoped that negotiations over the Chinese counter-draft of the Sino-British treaty, which "we hear is being urgently studied" by Mr. Ernest Bevin, will result in some relaxation of the present rigid exclusionist policy.

He said that modification could only react on the long view to the mutual benefit of both countries.

**State Competition**  
Mr. Keswick also criticized the state-owned and operated enterprises for competing directly with private trading, saying "such activities are highly detrimental to ordinary commercial interests of whatever nationality."

Other points of interest made by Mr. Keswick included: Imports—China's import restrictions (under which luxuries and certain non-luxuries are banned altogether and all other commodities placed under control) have had a profoundly disturbing and paralyzing effect on the nation's imports.

Exports: Chinese exports remained in the doldrums. Taking a broad view, China's exportable surpluses are unable to find a market abroad because of the high cost of goods and services in China, taken in conjunction with the official rate of exchange, which make it generally impossible for these goods to compete in world markets.

His and other Allied governments in protesting to the U.S. State Department on another MacArthur decision, authorising the Japanese to organise a new whaling expedition to the Antarctic.—Associated Press.

## H.K. STREETS FLOODED

Unusually heavy rainfall which continued for several hours yesterday resulted in flooding of considerable stretches of roads in both Hong Kong and Kowloon with subsequent dislocation of traffic.

A total of 6.1 inches was recorded by the Royal Observatory for the 12 hours ending noon, and, by 1 a.m. a further .65 inches had been registered.

The rain was heaviest between 10 and 11 a.m. and the tram service on the Happy Valley and Shaukiwan routes was interrupted for some two hours as a result of flooding and accumulation of silt from neighbouring hillsides.

The silt at the Happy Valley tram terminus was some two inches deep.

At Dadwell's Service Station in Russell Street, the water was knee-deep.

**Cars Stuck**  
At Causeway Bay the Tai Hong Nullah overflowed due to the congestion of silt and rubble. Visibility was very poor along King's Road, and cars had to put on their lights and crawl along. Several small cars were stuck in the mud washed down from the hillsides near the Electric Light Co. at North Point.

All low-lying areas were flooded. The football fields at Causeway Bay and the Happy Valley were lakes, while the Queen's Road end of Murray Parade Ground was a miniature Niagara Falls with water pouring through the iron gratings along that side of the ground.

**In Kowloon**  
In Kowloon, Nathan Road between the Po Hing Theatre

### The Weather

An anticyclone is situated to the E. of Japan with a ridge of moderately high pressure extending SW to the Philippines. Pressure is low over the whole of China with a deep depression centred over Shensi Province.

Today's Forecast: Moderate SE winds, cloudy with rain at times.

Yesterday's Weather:  
Maximum: 75.5 deg. Fah.  
Minimum: 72.0 deg. Fah.  
Sunshine: Nil.  
Rainfall: 72.2 mm. = 2.84 inches. Total since Jan. 1—1112.5 mm. as against an average of 562.4 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.  
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Equine 29.85 29.81 inches.  
Rel. Humidity 78 66 %  
Dew Point 75 70 deg. F.  
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Lisbon, July 1.  
Three were killed and five seriously wounded on Monday when a hand-grenade on exhibition at the Army Museum exploded as a guide touched it inadvertently with a cigarette.—United Press.

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## Vicious Attack On United States

Shanghai, June 30.  
The Communist radio today attacked the sale of American rifle ammunition to China and enlarged economic aid in future as "a step further in exposing the vicious face of American imperialism."

The radio appealed to the people to destroy Chiang and labelled the Americans aggressors. It said an open act of imperialism came at a time when American public opinion was increasingly clear with regard to the corruption, reaction and incurable character of the Chiang Kai-shek Government.

"In one of the most bitter attacks on America and the Central Government of China of a long line of similar attacks, the Red radio said:—

"Sons, daughters, companions and friends of every Chinese killed by an American bullet, will never forget the fallen were slain by the American Government with the hands of Chiang Kai-shek."

It said that if it were not for American imperialism, Chiang Kai-shek could not fight the civil war.

**"Criminals"**  
"These American criminals, wishing to wash their hands of blood, say these bullets are an obligation left over from the anti-Japanese war and also they only fit the calibre of Chinese rifles—as if to say if they did not use these bullets to murder hundreds of thousands of Chinese people, then they would not be punished by heaven."

The Communist radio asserted that the failure of the American Government to carry out the US\$500,000,000 loan by the end of June was designed to create the illusion that the American Government was not at present enthusiastic about China's civil war, when as a matter of fact, since March last year, when General Marshall asked a question—said a loan many times US\$500,000,000 worth of surplus goods, warships and aeroplanes were transferred to Chiang Kai-shek.

It said the loan had not succeeded this time because the guarantee offered by the traitor Chiang Kai-shek was not enough. In other words, because even greater terms of national betrayal must be obtained in exchange from Chiang.

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## Jap Ships Coming To Hong Kong

Tokyo, July 1.

Vice-Admiral R.G. Griffin, commander of U.S. Naval Forces in the Far East, today announced that the initial allotment of a total of 92 former Japanese warships to be distributed among the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia and China started today.

Each nation is given a lot of eight ships composed of three destroyers and five escorts as indicated by drawings held on Saturday. Receipts will be signed by the representatives of each nation as the ships depart.

Lot One, drawn by the representative of the United Kingdom, departed for Singapore via Hong Kong. Lot Two, for China, sailed at noon for Shanghai. Lot Three, for Russia left for Nahodka this morning. Five ships of Lot Four, assigned to the United States, departed for Tientsin at noon.

The remaining three ships will be delivered at Yokohama.

The ships are manned by Japanese crews and sailed in squadrons to the respective ports.—United Press.

## The New Governor

The Colony's new Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, is leaving London for Hong Kong by air on July 10, and is expected to arrive at Kai Tak on July 24.

He will be accompanied by Lady Grantham.


After the swearing-in ceremony, Sir Alexander Grantham will attend a meeting of leading residents when Addresses of Welcome will be delivered.

### NAVY LIFE-BOAT GUTTED

A naval life-boat lying alongside the jetty opposite the China Fleet Club, Wanchai, caught fire about 10 o'clock last night and was gutted. A naval rating was removed to hospital suffering from burns and suffocation.

Two appliances and a fire float put out the fire, the origin of which is unknown.

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# GRIM NEWS FOR BRITAIN

## Less Tobacco, Less Petrol, Smaller Newspapers, Fewer Clothes

### Mr. Dalton Paints An Austere Picture

London, June 30. Britons were told today that they would get less tobacco, less petrol, smaller newspapers and possibly fewer American films, smaller rations and fewer clothes in the next 12 months. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, told the House of Commons that greater austerity than ever before was necessary to conserve Britain's dwindling dollars for food, raw materials and machinery.

"Owing to a serious rise in the price of raw materials and the disappointing slow rate of postwar recovery, both in Europe and Asia, a severe shortage of dollars is making itself felt in almost all parts of the world."

"In particular, our own line of credit under the Anglo-American loan agreement is being drawn upon more rapidly than we expected."

"It is our clear duty to take further steps to close the gap between our necessary imports and our exports, particularly to hard currency areas."

#### Austere Picture

The Chancellor drew this austere picture for nation-weary Britons in the next 12 months:

Food—Government has decided to maintain and, in some directions, to increase slightly, the volume of food imports but shortages of supply may restrict imports of some foods and possibly cuts, including rationed foods, cannot be ruled out.

Tobacco—There will be a substantial reduction in tobacco imports.

Petrol—Britain will reduce its petrol imports; its allocations for the armed forces and for com-

### World Police Force

Lake Success, July 1.

The United States has recommended to the United Nations Security Council that the proposed world police force include 20 divisions, of ground troops, 3,500 combat planes, three battle ships and six aircraft carriers.

These figures were submitted in a report from the Big Five United Nations Military Staff Committee to the Security Council on Monday. Soviet Russia did not make any recommendations.

The Russian reply stated that they could not talk about the size of the world police force until the United Nations had agreed on the general principles concerning its formation and use.—Associated Press.

### Sarawak Cession Was "Right"

London, July 1.

Sir Charles Vyner Brooke, the last Rajah of Sarawak, told the people of that area on Monday night that he was more than ever convinced that his cession to the British Crown a year ago was the right thing to do.

"The assurance given at the time of the cession—that there would be no interference with your ancient customs—is being scrupulously observed," he said in the message released by the Colonial Office.

"At the same time, large schemes for the welfare and the betterment of the people have been worked out and will be put into force with the aid of funds provided by the King's Government in Britain. . . . Your feet are firmly set on the road which leads to true independence."—Associated Press.

### Award For British Producer

London, July 1. The International Film Festival ended in Brussels on Monday with a Belgian Government award going to Carol Reed for his British production of "Odd Man Out."

The Belgian "Oscar" went to the French film producer Rene Clair for his excellent production of "Man About Town," starring Maurice Chevalier.

Carol Reed is a director of terrific energy, born on December 31, 1906 at Putney, London. He was educated at Kings School, Canterbury, and started his theatrical career at the Holborn Empire in 1924.

In 1930 he went to New York to produce the play "On the Spot" by Edgar Wallace. After the death of Edgar Wallace, he tried his luck in films, starting as a script writer. Some of the productions to his credit are "The Young Mr. Pitt," "Train to Munich," "The Stars Look Down," "Talk of the Devil," "Who's Your Lady Friend," "Bank Holiday," "Climbing High," and "A Girl Must Live."

In 1934 he married the actress Diana Wynyard.

The late Edgar Wallace said of Reed: "At 4 a.m. he is sitting badly the latest blues from America. At 6 a.m. he is on the tennis court."

Rene Clair, who captured the Belgian trophy with his French film "Silence est d'Or," is famous for his two prewar films, "The Million" and "Sous les Toits de Paris."—Associated Press.

### KILLED BY BOMB

Buenos Aires, June 30. A man was killed outright by a bomb at a Socialist meeting here last night. He was believed today to have been carrying it when it went off prematurely. Two other people in the audience, who were wounded, died later.

### Statement On Formosa

London, June 30. Some 800 Formosans and Chinese were reported to have been killed in the suppression of rioting in Formosa, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated in a Parliamentary reply today.

A reliable observer, he said, had declared that at least 250, mainly Chinese, were killed on February 28 alone. No incidents had been reported since the end of March.

Regarding the future of Formosa, Mr. Mayhew said that it was agreed in the Cairo Declaration of December 1943 that Formosa should be returned to China.

The British Government considered that the formal transfer of territories formerly owned or annexed by Japan must await the eventual peace conference.—Reuter.

### UNO Mission Meets Irgun Terrorists

Jerusalem, June 30. The Irgun Zvai Leumi, in a clandestine meeting with members of UNSCOP at Tel Aviv today, assured the United Nations investigators that they would halt the wave of terrorism that culminated in the murder of four British soldiers yesterday, it is learned.

Later, the terrorists qualified their promise with the stipulation that British "provocation" also cease.

Shortly before the secret meeting, the Irgunists kidnapped two British soldiers at Ramat-Gan. They released the

men and escaped when Army units trailed them to their hide-out with bloodhounds.

One delegate expressed confidence that the meeting heralded the end of terrorism.

It is learned that the Irgunists arranged the clandestine meeting and that high-ranking extremist leaders attended.

One UNSCOP member made a personal plea for cessation of terrorism.

The time of the meeting was not known beyond the fact that it took place "within the last 24 hours."

#### Death Sentences

It is not known whether or not the Irgunists would keep their promise if the High Commissioner, Lt.-Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, should confirm the death sentences passed on three condemned Irgunists who are now in Acre Prison.

It is reported that Sir Alan has decided that no decision on the sentence will be taken until after UNSCOP had completed its inquiry.

Meanwhile, UNSCOP members have started a three-day tour of Northern Palestine, visiting Jewish settlements in the vicinity of Haifa.—United Press.

### EMPIRE SERVICEMEN'S EQUIPMENT

London, June 30. A conference to ensure that Empire servicemen will have fully efficient equipment will be held in London from July 7 to July 26. Delegates from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and Southern Rhodesia will attend.

The conference, the second of its kind, springs from the experience gained in the war, with particular emphasis on climatic and operational clothing.

The main topics to be discussed at the conference will be the increase of tropical and Arctic experimental stations in various parts of the Commonwealth in addition to the three already set up at Lagos, West Africa, for tropical and jungle testing, and Churchill, Canada, for Arctic testing.

The conference will last for twenty days and the Empire representatives will discuss how they can make the serviceman as comfortable and efficient as possible whether he is on duty in the Arctic or the desert.

Sir Edward Penton, Chief Inspector of Clothing at the War Office, said that the ideas to be considered covered everything "from jack-knives to tents," adding that many improvisations made by soldiers during the war would be discussed.

#### Scientific Approach

The ideas, he said, would be discussed scientifically and physiologists might be called in to advise on what exactly is required to support life in extreme temperatures.

The conference will also cover the correlating of climatic clothing in Canada, the principles of clothing and the effects of the various winds.

The sessions will be secret and the conference will be opened by

Lieut.-General F. G. Wristberg, Controller of Supplies for Munitions to the Ministry of Supply.—Reuter.

### To Examine Japanese Problem

London, June 30.

Mr. Ernest Bevin has promised that he will attend a future meeting of the newly-formed Far Eastern Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Labour Party External Affairs Group.

This new committee will meet weekly to discuss vital problems, and it begins this week with an examination of the Japanese question.

The Chairman is Mr. John Paton, Labour M. P. for Norwich and the Vice-Chairman Mr. Harold Davies. Others in the Committee include Mr. Seymour Cocks, Chairman of the External Affairs Group, Mr. Tom Driberg, Colonel Rees Williams, and Dr. Haden Guest.

Countries which the Committee will especially study are Burma and Malaya.—Reuter.

### Boy Shot By Man In Uniform

Vienna, June 30.

A seventeen-year-old Austrian boy cycling along a "neutral road" near Leutschach, on the frontier between the British Zone of Austria and Yugoslavia, has been shot and killed by a man in uniform on the Yugoslav side of the road, it was disclosed here today.

Yugoslav authorities were said to have arrested the man who will appear for an interrogation by the British Security Authorities tonight.

This was the twelfth murder in this area during the past three weeks, and most have been ascribed by the British authorities to armed Slovenes known as "The White Guard," who dislike the Yugoslav Premier, Josip Tito.—Reuter.

### FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

London, June 30. The Anglo-Egyptian financial agreement was signed at the Treasury today after the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Dalton, and the Egyptian Ambassador, Abdel Amir Pasha, announced that it was only temporary and had resulted from negotiations opened on June 6.

Abdel Pasha said the object of the temporary agreement was to give the two governments breathing space, during which they would be able to review the situation further with the object of reaching a longer agreement covering all outstanding points.

Details will be made public on Thursday.—United Press.



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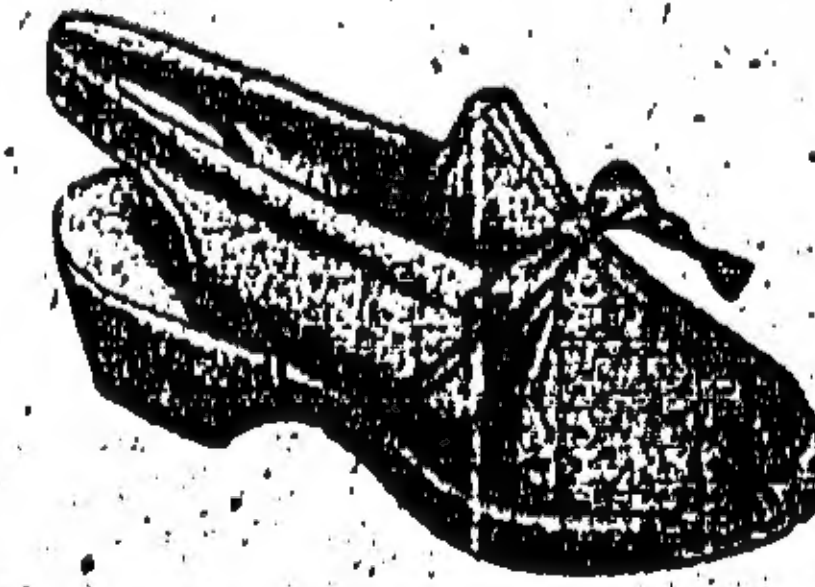


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Card Tables, Extension Dining  
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ing Chairs, Sideboards, Glass  
Cabinets, Blackwood Curio  
Cabinet, Oscillating Table Fans,  
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LAMMERT BROS.,  
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## LANE, CRAWFORD, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that  
the Twenty-first Ordinary Gen-  
eral Meeting of the Sharehold-  
ers of the above Company will  
be held in the office of the  
Secretaries and Accountants,  
Messrs. Peat, Marwick, Mitchell  
& Co., 1st Floor, Exchange  
Building, Des Voeux Road,  
Hong Kong, on Thursday, 3rd  
July, 1947, at noon, for the pur-  
pose of receiving the Company's  
Accounts for the ten months  
ended 28th February, 1947, and  
the Directors' and Auditors' Re-  
ports thereon, to sanction the  
payment of dividends, to re-  
elect a Director, and to appoint  
Auditors.

The Share Transfer Books of  
the Company will be closed  
from 23rd June, 1947, to 3rd  
July, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of  
Directors,  
A. W. BROWN  
General Manager.

## NOTICE

Owing to the Indepen-  
dence Day celebrations  
to be held on Friday,  
July 4, the Vicar  
General of the Catholic  
Mission grants dispensa-  
tion from abstinence  
to all U.S.A. Catholics,  
the Philippine Com-  
munity in the Colony  
and their guests on that  
day.

A. FEROLDI  
Chancellor of the  
Catholic Mission.

## UNITED SERVICES RECREATION CLUB

In view of the large number  
of applications for civilian sub-  
scriber membership of the  
United Services Recreation Club,  
which have been received and  
the small number of vacancies  
which it is anticipated will arise  
during the next three months,  
no further applications can be  
received at present.

2. A further notice will be  
promulgated as soon as the list  
re-opens.

## NOTICE

Mr. Edwin Johnston Maccom-  
ber Churn is authorised to sign  
our respective names Per. Pro-  
curation as from this date.

The Union Trading Co. Ltd.  
Samuel Macomber & Company,  
York Building,  
Hong Kong, 1st July 1947.

## NOTICE

As from 1st July 1947 John  
D. Humphreys & Son Limited  
have taken over the business at  
Alexandra Building carried on  
previously by John D. Hum-  
phreys & Son.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS  
& SON.

## HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB

### RUGBY SECTION

There will be a meeting of  
the Rugby Section of the  
H.K.F.C. in the Club House at  
Happy Valley at 6 p.m. on Fri-  
day July 4th in order to elect  
officers for the forthcoming  
season.

All members and prospective  
members are invited to attend.

P. S. INGHAM,  
Hon. Rugby Secretary.

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# MOLOTOV'S INSISTENCE ON TERMS OF US AID

Paris, June 30.

The Foreign Ministers met for the third time on  
the Marshall plan today amid free indications  
that the talks might break down if the Soviet  
Foreign Minister insists that Russia must fix  
the terms of American aid to Europe.

Today's meeting is expected to bring a showdown  
between Britain's Ernest Bevin and France's  
Georges Bidault on one side and M. Molotov  
on the other.

The rift involves the whole  
issue of Soviet cooperation with  
the Western powers on a sweep-  
ing reconstruction programme  
for the Continent. Mr. Bevin  
is expected to demand a quick  
answer from M. Molotov on

## TRADE WITH JAPAN

Resumption of private trade  
with Japan has been fixed for  
15th August, although no  
transactions can be completed  
before 1st September. No in-  
formation is yet available as to  
detailed arrangements for the  
conduct of trade, but it is cer-  
tain that trade will be subject  
to considerable restrictions.  
Accommodation has however  
been arranged by SCAP for a  
very limited number of busi-  
nessmen from 15th August and  
visits to Japan of restricted  
duration will be permitted as  
from that date. Applications  
may therefore now be made for  
entry into Japan and should be  
addressed to the Department of  
Supplies, Trade and Industry  
for submission to the appro-  
priate authorities in the United  
Kingdom; they should provide  
the following information:—

- (a) Name of applicant;
- (b) precise purpose of pro-  
posed visit and place in  
Japan to be visited;
- (c) date and duration;
- (d) any information which  
may be of assistance in  
assessing the importance  
of the visit—e.g., pre-  
vious connections with  
Japan.

2. Certain accommodation  
may be available in advance of  
15th August for banking, in-  
surance and shipping companies.  
Applications from such firms  
should be accompanied by a  
completed application form for  
entry into Japan, obtainable  
from the Immigration Office,  
Oriental Building.

3. It should be noted that  
applications will be accepted only  
from firms whose head offices  
are registered in Hong Kong.

J. J. COWPERTHWAIT,  
Acting Director of Supplies,  
Trade and Industry.  
Hong Kong, 1st July, 1947.

## NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Seal-  
ed Tenders in quintuplicate,  
which should be clearly marked  
"Tenders for Transportation of  
CNRRRA/UNRRA supplies from  
Hong Kong to Canton and Wu-  
chow," will be received at the  
office of the Administrative De-  
partment of CNRRRA Kowloon  
Supply Office, 803 Bank of East  
Asia Building before noon on  
7th July 1947.

Forms of Tender, specification  
and further particulars may be  
obtained from the above-men-  
tioned address.

The CNRRRA Kowloon Supply  
Office does not bind itself to  
accept the lowest or any tender,  
and reserves the right to accept  
all or any part of each tender.

K. C. TSANG,  
Manager.

CNRRRA Kowloon Supply Office.

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that  
Sealed Tender in Quintuplicate  
for the Supply of Stevedores and  
Lighterage, should be marked  
"Tender for Lighterages and  
Stevedores" will be received at  
this office of the CNRRRA Kow-  
loon Supply Office, Room 803  
Bank of East Asia Building,  
before noon of Monday, 7th July  
1947.

Forms of Tenders and par-  
ticulars may be obtained from  
the above mentioned office.

This office does not bind itself  
to accept the lowest or any  
tender.

K. C. TSANG,  
Manager.  
CNRRRA Kowloon Supply Office.

## RIFF LEADER TO VISIT U.S.A.

Calvo, June 30.  
The North African Arab  
bureau told the United Press  
today that Abd El Karim  
would "possibly" go to the  
United States whenever his  
presence there was deemed  
advantageous in the campaign for  
independence which Tunisia,  
Algeria and Morocco are at  
present conducting.  
The bureau said nothing  
was definite yet.—United  
Press.

## £3,000 For Seducing A Wife

Manchester, June 30.  
Judge F. B. Batt today  
awarded £3,000 damages  
and costs against Major  
A. L. Amundson of the  
United States Army, as-  
serting that he had  
"abused the hospitality  
of the husband and  
seduced the wife."

Philip Shermerdine, 37, sued  
his wife Rita, 34, for divorce and  
named Amundson as co-respon-  
dent. Shermerdine also was  
awarded a decree nisi and given  
custody of the two children.  
The co-respondent comes to  
England, is introduced to this ex-  
tremely attractive young woman  
and, being given the hospitality  
of the house maintained by her  
husband, eventually seduces her.  
Judge Batt said:

"I am satisfied, looking at Mrs.  
Shermerdine and viewing her  
married life, that this must have  
been a very deliberate and long  
sleeve that the co-respondent paid  
to her.  
"I am also satisfied that he  
found someone who was prepared  
to flirt rather dangerously and  
nothing more. I think his conduct  
was extremely reprehensible."  
Amundson, who was not pre-  
sent in court, maintained that he  
did not know Mrs. Shermerdine  
was married.—United Press.

## Pastor Niemoller's Grim Warning

Berlin, June 30.

Pastor Martin Niemoller told the press today a  
"new war would make Europe an arsenal for  
the Soviet Union and the Western armies  
would be thrown into the Channel within two  
days."

"The German people have no  
interest in a new war because  
a new war will destroy all of  
Europe," he said.

Pastor Niemoller said that  
when he was questioned during  
his American tour about war  
between the United States and  
the Soviet Union, he always re-  
plied: "I don't care who wants  
the war, but I do know the  
European continent would be  
destroyed."

## Unavoidable If

Niemoller said war would be  
unavoidable if Europe were to  
continue to be subjected to for-  
eign powers.

"There is nothing in between  
the United States and the So-  
viet Union and they must reach  
a peaceful settlement," he said.

up on food and agriculture,  
coal and other fuel, iron, steel  
and transport. Membership  
would be drawn from the coun-  
tries mostly concerned.  
6. The steering committee  
and sub-committees to finish  
their work by August 15 and  
the steering committee's report  
to be communicated to the Uni-  
ted States Government.—Unit-  
ed Press.

## Nationalisation Of Electricity

London, June 30.

Government's plans to nationalise the supply of  
electricity in Britain received the approval of  
the House of Commons tonight when the Elec-  
tricity Nationalisation Bill was passed by 321  
votes to 173.

This is the fourth of the Gov-  
ernment's nationalisation mea-  
sures to pass through the House  
of Commons, the others being  
Transport, Coal and the Bank of  
England.

The supply of electricity will,  
after the Bill has passed through  
the House of Lords, be taken  
over by a new central authority  
which will generate electricity for

supply in bulk to 14 Area Boards.  
Hitherto, supply has been in the  
hands of 570 large electricity  
undertakings.

The new authority is authori-  
sed to issue £700,000,000 for  
building power stations and de-  
veloping distribution.  
About £350,000,000 will be paid  
to stockholders in compensation.  
—Reuter.

## DOMESTIC MEAT RATION CUT

London, June 30.

A reduction in Britain's domestic meat ration was  
announced in the House of Commons today by  
Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secre-  
tary to the Ministry of Food.

Instead of 4d worth of meat  
to which each person has been  
entitled weekly for the past six-  
and-a-half months, the meat  
ration will be worth 3d from  
July 13.

The reduction will be in canned  
corned meat, a small proportion  
of which is included in each  
ration.

## No Fresh Stocks

Dr. Summerskill said that the  
cut could be blamed on the fall  
in hog production as a result of  
last winter's severe weather,  
heavy slaughtering last autumn,  
and the abnormal growth of feces  
in recent weeks which led to  
farmers to delay the sale of fat  
stock until later in the year. If  
the situation had been normal,  
the necessary reduction in pro-  
cessed meat could have been made  
up by fresh meat.

The position would be difficult  
for several months, she said, and  
it was impossible to forecast how  
long the reduced ration would  
remain in effect.—Reuter.

the loyalty of Japanese-Americans  
in Hawaii during the war.  
Johnson said that during the  
war the Japanese in Hawaii were  
"more loyal, more devoted and  
gave better service to the United  
States than the Japanese in Cal-  
ifornia."—Associated Press.

## No Declaration Over Irish Partition

London, June 30.

He did not think it would be a useful thing, as sug-  
gested by a Labour Member, Mr. Hugh De-  
lary, that he should announce that it was the  
Government's desire to see partition in Ire-  
land ended, and that if an agreement were  
reached between the people of the two parts of  
Ireland, the Government would not hesitate  
to give it effect, declared Mr. Clement Attlee,  
the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons  
today.

Mr. Delary had asked if the  
Prime Minister had considered  
the statement made by Mr. De Valera  
to which you refer. It has been  
made clear on many occasions  
that the closest relations between  
Great Britain and both Northern  
Ireland and Eire exist and a  
satisfactory solution of any out-  
standing questions is desirable.  
But I do not consider that this  
policy would be assisted by mak-  
ing a statement on the lines sug-  
gested by Mr. Delary.

Mr. Attlee replied:

"I have seen reports of the  
statement made by Mr. De Valera  
to which you refer. It has been  
made clear on many occasions  
that the closest relations between  
Great Britain and both Northern  
Ireland and Eire exist and a  
satisfactory solution of any out-  
standing questions is desirable.  
But I do not consider that this  
policy would be assisted by mak-  
ing a statement on the lines sug-  
gested by Mr. Delary."

## "Great Interest"

Mr. Delary: "Are you not  
aware that such a simple declara-  
tion, as I suggest, does not involve  
the Government in any imme-  
diate policy, and that it would  
be of great satisfaction to both  
parts of Ireland, and would help  
in the friendship of the United  
States where this question is re-  
garded with great interest?"  
Mr. Attlee: "I do not think  
that would be a useful thing to  
do."—Reuter.

## Empire Defence Problem

London, June 30.

The defence of coun-  
tries which might leave  
the Empire was raised at  
question time in the  
House of Commons to-  
day by the Labour mem-  
ber, Mr. Thomas Reid.

He asked for an assurance from  
the Prime Minister that any  
country leaving the Empire (thus  
becoming a foreign country)  
would not automatically have its  
defences shared by Great Britain  
and that the Governments of the  
Commonwealth and Empire  
would be consulted before any  
decisions regarding the security of  
such countries were made.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee,  
replied:

"Any proposal to share defence  
responsibilities in a case of this  
kind must obviously be a matter  
for negotiation and treaty with  
the government concerned."

"In the event of such a situa-  
tion arising, the normal pro-  
cedure as regards consultation  
with other countries of the  
Commonwealth would be follow-  
ed."—Reuter.

## Senora Peron Is Fatigued

Rome, June 30.

Rafael O'Campo Jimenez,  
Argentine Ambassador to Italy,  
said that plans for Senora Eva  
Peron for tomorrow were inde-  
finite because of the cancella-  
tion of her Venice trip.

He said Senora Peron had  
expressed a desire to see da  
Vinci's "Last Supper" at the  
Santa Maria delle Grazie  
church, which she did not visit  
today because of fatigue. She  
will return to Rome from Milan  
by plane in the early afternoon  
tomorrow, he said.

The Ambassador said Senora  
Peron "might do a little more  
sightseeing in Milan, before  
leaving if she feels rested  
enough tomorrow." He said  
she might not remain in Rome  
but might go directly to Naples  
and Capri to begin her rest be-  
fore resuming her European  
tour.

Argentine sources discounted  
rumours that cancellation of  
Senora Peron's North Italy  
tour might have been due to  
the riot during Premier Alcide  
de Gasperi's address at Venice  
yesterday.

They said Senora Peron's  
fatigue and heat were the only  
reasons for her decision to go  
south to rest.—United Press.

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## APPEAL BY "SLAP-HAPPY" Counsel Quotes From William Joyce Trial Court Reserves Judgment

Judgment was reserved by the Full Court comprising Mr. Justice Williams and Mr. Justice Gould in the appeal yesterday of Inouye Kanoo (Slap Happy) against the sentence of death passed on him on April 22 for treason by Sir Henry Blackall.

The appeal was made on behalf of Inouye by Mr. C. L. Laseby (instructed by Mr. H. K. Woo), and Mr. A. Lonsdale represented the Crown. In his 2½ hour submission to the Court, Mr. Laseby said his appeal was on two grounds, namely that the trial judge was wrong in law in misdirecting the jury that appellant at all material times was a British subject and was definitely never a Japanese subject; and that the learned judge was wrong in law in withdrawing from the jury the issue whether at all material times appellant owed allegiance to the King.

Counsel for Appellant said in his application for leave to appeal he had submitted that the indictment against Inouye was composed of 20 to 30 overt acts based on contra-espionage activities in 1941. Many witnesses were called for the prosecution, whom he did not cross-examine, and the acts Inouye was accused of committing were not denied by the defence.

**Defence Argument**  
The contention of the defence was that the Appellant was not a British subject, that he was a Japanese subject, and at all material times owed no allegiance to the King. The only issue then before the jury was whether appellant owed allegiance to the British Crown or to the Japanese Emperor. This issue was withdrawn from the jury, Counsel submitted, when the learned trial judge directed them in his summing up that appellant was a British-born subject and remained so at all material times.

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BY EDGAR MARTIN

**BURMA AND U.N.O.**

London, June 30. The Government of Burma has officially notified the British Government that it wished to become a member of the United Nations. Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Under-Secretary of State for Burma, stated in a Parliamentary answer today.—Reuter.

**July Fourth Celebration**

Between 350 and 375 members of the American Community in Hong Kong will observe the "Fourth of July" on Friday at a reception from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the American Club.

In addition to American and non-American club members and their wives, top government officials and heads of leading British firms have been invited to attend the celebration of Independence Day. Brief speeches and toasts to the King and President of the United States are scheduled to be made by William Simmons, club president, and George D. Hopper, American Consul General in Hong Kong.

**BUS DISPUTE SETTLED**

Fears of a walkout by China Motorbus Company conductors were completely wiped out yesterday morning when a settlement was reached between the management and the representatives of the strike-threatening men.

The "China Mail" learned that the Company agreed to reinstate the two dismissed conductors but these will not receive any pay for the suspension period. As a result, the conductors waived the other demands.

**WAR MEMORIAL FUND**

Hong Kong War Memorial Fund subscriptions received on July 1, 1947—  
Mr. Tan Lay Kew ..... 10.00  
Mr. A. Moore, CBE and Mrs. Moore ..... 4,000.00  
In memory of the Canadian War Dead from all ranks H.K.V.D.C. .... 100.00  
China Products Trading Corporation (Hong Kong) Ltd. .... 100.00  
James P. Prior, Esq. .... 100.00  
Hong Kong St. Andrew's Society (in memory of the late Mr. J. Kempton) .... 25.00  
Total ..... 4,825.00  
H.K. Government Contribution ..... 1,388.00  
Received to June 28, 1947 ..... 1,654,728.36  
Grand Total ..... \$1,005,398.36

**BOYS' CLUBS DONATIONS**

The Hong Kong Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association acknowledges with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions:—  
Mr. K.C. Tang \$50; Mr. B. Bernachi \$100; Roy Farrell Export/Import Co. Ltd. \$20; St. Stephen's Girls' College Guild of Help \$200; Hong Kong Tramways Ltd. \$100; Hong Kong Football Association \$750; Chinese Y.W.C.A. \$50; Diocesan Boys' School \$100; Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co. Ltd. \$100; Mr. Anthony Lee \$10; Hong Kong Cricket Club \$50.  
Subscriptions will be welcomed by the Hon. Treasurer, Hong Kong Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, Upper Albert Road.

Three men armed with revolvers at about 3.30 p.m. yesterday gained admittance to 60 Des Voeux Road Central, 2nd floor, occupied by a midwife. The inmates, including two women about to give birth, were robbed \$500 in cash, 1 gold chain, and three gold rings.

sel submitted that the answer of the trial judge to the jury must not be taken out of its context. It must be read in conjunction with the evidence and the summing up.

Mr. Lonsdale submitted there could not be the shadow of a doubt that any jury of reasonable men, after listening to the evidence, could come to any other decision, question or no question to the judge.

Mr. Laseby reiterated that because the issue was not left to the jury to decide he felt that the appeal should be allowed.

**Claims For Looted Property**

Tokyo, July 1. The SCAP civil property custodian announced today that United Nations nationals living outside Japan may transmit powers of attorney to meet and accept on their behalf the restitution of property owned by such United Nations nationals which was confiscated, blocked or wrongfully transferred by the Nipponese during the war.

Persons here — including Japanese, if such power of attorney is addressed to them — may make application in the owner's name for the return of such property. Any funds returned under this procedure cannot be converted into dollars or other foreign exchange at the moment.

As soon as such property is turned over to an agent bearing the owner's power of attorney, SCAP responsibility for its production and preservation ceases.—Associated Press.

**H.K. MOTOR VEHICLES**

The total number of motor vehicles registered in Hong Kong up to May 28th, 1947, was 5,182, made up as follows:—  
Motor Cycles ..... 275  
Private Cars ..... 2,033  
Taxicabs ..... 224  
Public Hire Cars ..... 220  
Motor Buses ..... 115  
Public Commercial Lorries ..... 115  
Private Commercial Lorries ..... 352  
Government Lorries ..... 141  
Police Department Lorries ..... 39  
Total ..... 5,182

Tsui Chu-hing, 303 Queen's Road West, 2nd floor, was charged before Mr. D'Almeida at the Central Magistracy yesterday with having on various dates between April 1 and May 18 had carnal knowledge with two girls aged 8 and 6. After evidence was given by Dr. Au, the two girls and their mother, the case was adjourned to 2.30 p.m. tomorrow.



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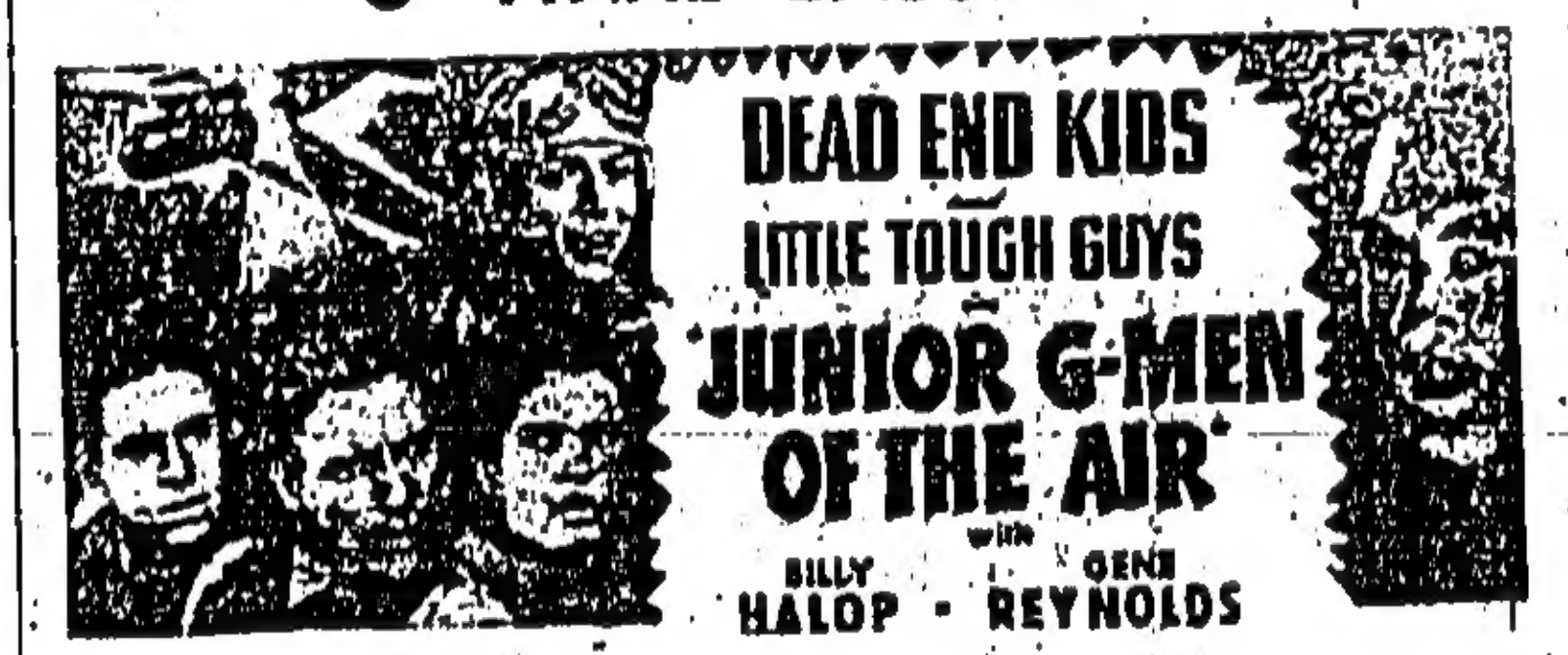
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THREAT OF PARIS  
FAILURE

The suggestion that the Paris Conference to discuss the American offer of support to a joint European reconstruction plan is threatened to failure is disappointing if not altogether unexpected. How great and urgent is the need is revealed by Dr. Dalton's gloomy statement to the House of Commons announcing cuts in petrol, tobacco, film and newspaper imports, and warning that foodstuffs may come next on the list—in the face of Britain's rapidly diminishing dollar resources. If that represents Britain's plight, how much graver is that of several of the countries of Europe? Yet if any surprise is felt at the difficulties which M. Molotov has hitherto placed in the way of Russo-French-British cooperation in formulating a programme, it is rather that the Soviet Foreign Minister bothered to travel from Moscow to Paris in order to be obstructive than that he should find himself in disagreement with Mr. Bevin. Actually, the outlines of the two procedure proposals reveal a substantial amount of common ground, and unfortunately when M. Molotov insists upon a clearer definition of the extent of the proposed American aid, he has much to support his argument. It is one of the great weaknesses of the American system that the Executive can never be sure of backing from the Legislature, and the statement of Mr. Snyder, of the U.S. Treasury, that no financial commitments have even been mentioned, scarcely encourages confidence. Nevertheless, no two courses are open. If M. Molotov refuses, on behalf of the Soviet Government, to co-operate, those parts of Europe which can do so must give the best answer they can to America without Russia and her European satellites. The Foreign Ministers are to meet again, and it will then be possible to judge whether Russia really is so decided to abandon collaboration as she seems. In the economic field, far more than in the political, East and West have common needs. It does not follow therefore that because at the moment Russia is conducting a political offensive she will reject this opportunity of economic assistance merely because she cannot get it on her own terms. On the face of things, insofar as they have been disclosed, an accommodation of viewpoints should not defy arrangement. In so complicated a matter, it does not seem to matter vitally whether the organisation to state the needs and plans of Europe is given the title of "Steering Committee" or "Assistance Committee," so long as its essential functions are satisfactorily understood. All that really matters is that the question which General Marshall has posed should be answered quickly and in a form that will convince Congress of the constructive character of the answers. Time presses, not only because the economic clouds are mounting up, but also because next year the American people will be immensely preoccupied with their internal affairs in view of the Presidential elections. The sooner Europe's voice is heard by Congress the better it will be for the atmosphere in which it is heard. Speed and conciseness are the essence of an effective response by Europe to the American offer. Both Mr. Bevin and M. Bidault have shown that this is fully grasped in Western Europe, and they should be prepared to proceed, with or without Russia. It would be better that Russia joined in. That might lead to an improvement in the political atmosphere also. But if Russia is determined to be obstructive, the more reason for a counterblast, for ignoring her.

Place Of The Civil Service  
In The New Britain

By MR. HERBERT MORRISON

The problem of civil service manpower must of course be considered against the economic background. On the surface our economic situation is changing very fast, but beneath the surface our problems remain much the same. In fact more of our difficulties spring from our unwillingness to see ourselves defeated in the peace after having been victors in the war. Our victory cost us dear and will go on handicapping us heavily for years.

If we were prepared to accept a lower standard of life and to give up many of our ideals and to renounce a great part of our responsibilities in the world, it would not be so very difficult to deal with our economic situation. We would just see what resources happened to be available to us and use them as best we could, hoping that they would increase, but not making any concerted effort to increase them. Then we would have to cut our social services and our overseas responsibilities and accept heavy unemployment and a wretchedly poor diet and in this way we could struggle along letting the economic situation dictate our actions.

## "Inevitable"

That, after all, is what any Government before this war would have thought natural and inevitable. It was done most drastically after 1918 and again in 1931, but that is not our way now and any Government which sought to take that way would find the gap between our national requirements and our currently available resources impossible to bridge by any acceptable means. What used to be called living within our means, cutting our coat to suit our cloth, is simply not practicable in the short run for this country. It would be suicide for us and it would be ruin to the world. We must, therefore, go the opposite way about it. We must set about making enough cloth for the coat which we think will fit us. To do this means a great effort and the greater the effort the more organisation is needed, and in modern conditions more organisation means more government.

It is no use having illusions about this. Any person or group who asks for more of almost anything in the post-war circumstances of Britain is in fact asking for more government. The classical conditions in which more could be got by the free play of the market have ceased to operate for us for the time being. It is no use people asking for more houses or more health services or more coal or more clothing without being prepared to face the fact that they are asking for Government intervention. That should not be forgotten, but we must not forget either that jobs which are laid upon the Government machine must be carried out with maximum efficiency, energy, and economy.

## Thankless Task

The more people ask for in relation to resources, the more strain is thrown on the whole Government machine. We have to try to translate the innumerable requirements of the British people into workable shapes so far as they involve government. We have, then, to try to find additional resources to meet the very large fraction of these requirements which cannot be met out of the resources immediately available. It is a thankless task always to be cutting people down, rationing, controlling and regulating. We all want to see the emphasis put the other way, on an expanding economy and more elbow room all round. Some people argue that the very existence of controls and rationing damps down enterprise, discourages economic recovery and tends therefore to perpetuate controls. It is for the Government to prove this argument to be unfounded.

We can already claim—largely through that new branch of the Civil Service, the Information Services—to have awakened the nation as never before to the need for production, the need for good management and efficiency, and team work in economic affairs and to the rightful status of the workers (who like us are doing essential jobs, but many of whom, unlike us, have to get their hands and faces dirty). The nation is now aware of what faces it, as it was not aware after V. J. Day, or even a year ago. That is a big gain, because history shows that when the British are aware of what they are up against their answer is not long in coming.

## Too Simple

Our main economic objective is, therefore, only too simple;

It is to raise our productive capacity and efficiency to the highest point. This objective of increasing resources must take priority for the time being over all the objectives of raising requirements, whether for social services, or consumer goods, or even desirable forms of investment. While we must carry on all our national activities as best we can, the main priority must be given to expanding the capacity of our economy to meet requirements of all sorts.

For this purpose we must, above all, be able to ascertain and to secure the best distribution of manpower. However successful we may be in other directions, if we fail to recruit enough coal-miners in the pits and textile workers in the mills and agricultural workers on the land, all our other efforts are doomed to frustration. However dark our import position is, it is the lack of home produced fuel and clothing and building materials and foodstuffs which cause the greatest stringency today, and these shortages go back partly to the fact that the Government did not feel justified in directing people into these under-manned industries after they had been stripped of able-bodied manpower during the war. The fact that men are now pouring into the mines about as fast as they can be absorbed, confirms once more that democracy can get the right results although it may take a little longer at the outset to get going. But this is not a matter of exhorting people to go into the pits or the mills. It involves the redeployment of the labour force so that everybody is employed to the best advantage, and so that by a necessarily complicated process what may seem to be irrelevant manpower savings in one part of the country or in one branch of the economy may ultimately secure the desired results.

## The Skeletons

You will see that in discussing the economic background it is impossible to get far from the tasks of the Civil Service. What a change has occurred since Gladstone's day! In those times the world seemed large and ample and slow moving. Even the skeletons were kept in rosy cupboards from which they only felt out one or two at a time, not like nowadays when every imaginable skeleton—international and domestic, economic or social—is firmly dragged out of its cupboard and put on the Cabinet table to add to the heap already there. Then again, until 1914, money was virtually the only method of control both of the entire economy and of the operations of government itself. The Civil Service existed to regulate with intelligence, integrity and accuracy a relatively small though widening fringe of functions which were admitted to belong to the State. Now, in this shrunken, battered, post-war world, things move terrifyingly swiftly. Problems multiply and each runs into and modifies the next one. In addition to money we have many alternative and overlapping controls over construction and materials and the right to engage in specific activities. All this means that the Civil Service needs not only to keep all its traditional qualities, but to acquire a whole lot of new ones. We still need a Civil Service which can hold the ring and see fair play in industry, but we also want a battle-winning spirit in the Service, in fact we need the ability to go into the ring and seize the initiative in many fields where the country is rightly waiting for Government leadership to become visible in administration. In a planned economy the Civil Service has a managerial function. Whitehall is a great head office of business enterprise with a whole host of branch offices, directly or indirectly dependent upon it. The Civil Service must adapt itself to this role.

## The State

Again, the British people have a view of the State which is very different from that held in some parts of Europe. Our State is not an impersonal superior State which has a right to do things to us. It is simply an expression of ourselves as a group of human beings trying to do things together in a fair and orderly manner. We expect it to treat us like human beings, and as servants of the State we must see that the State is human, both in what it does and in its way of doing things, and, I

may add, in the way in which its servants may think.

I cannot miss this opportunity of saying some things I have long wanted to say about the British Civil Service. It does not wear a uniform like other services of the Crown and the work of the individual civil servant is inconspicuous and anonymous. There is very rarely any occasion when it comes up for special public notice. In the past a lot of people, some of whom did not want the Civil Service to take on too much or to build up a record of successful State action, took every opportunity of running down and abusing the Civil Service. Anyone who saw, as I did at the Home Office and Ministry of Home Security and at Supply, the way the Service stood up to its wartime tasks can only admire its great spirit and its immense capacity.

As you know, all sorts of precautionary plans were made against the danger that the Civil Service might find it impossible to carry on from Whitehall. Even in the worst days of the blitz it was never necessary to put these plans into effect. Bombs might rain down, Government Departments, such as the Treasury and the Admiralty, might suffer direct hits, and transport and communications might be disrupted, but still His Majesty's Government was carried on and the flow of instructions and every part of the world in which our war effort was being made.

## Very Different

In many places Civil Servants on their official duties came under enemy fire both at home and overseas. In spite of the veracity which was shown by the Service during the war I think few people even yet have any idea how varied the jobs performed by the Civil Service and how many of them involve qualities very different from those which are from time to time caricatured in various quarters. In fact, just as before the war there were those who used to depict all scientists as long-haired, absent-minded professors incapable of any practical contribution, until those same scientists came out in the front rank of war winners, so some people still go on trying to depict the Civil Servant as a narrow minded timid bureaucrat. It simply isn't true.

I could go on giving more and more examples of Board of Trade staffs working right round the clock to get the British Industries Fair ready in time for the curtains to go up, or the commands exploits performed by Ministry of Agriculture officers during the recent floods, but I think I have given enough examples to show that the Civil Servant today is a very different type from the caricature of him which still pops up in some quarters. I hope that some day these people will catch up with realities—which I am glad to see they have done in the case of the scientists—but if they are going to catch up they had better lose no time.

## CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



## BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

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NO REVOKE  
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"THERE MUST have been a revoke, or possibly a couple of them" is a type of comment often heard by players in a duplicate game as they look at the travelling score slip of a deal on which one particular result seems "cold" and notice that some unbelievable score has come at another table. Ordinarily they try to figure out how it could have happened, then after the play gets hold of the people at the table, where the unusual outcome was recorded. Usually they find that either brilliant work by one side or unsoundness by the other caused the bizarre development.

SAK J 8 5 4  
H 8 4  
D 2  
CA 9 4 3  
S Q 10 7 3 2  
H Q 10 9 7  
D 6  
DA K 5 4 3  
C Q 7

(Dealer: North. East-West vulnerable.)

North	East	South	West
1 S	Pass	2 H	Pass
3 S	Pass	3 NT	Pass
A S			

East led his club J, which the K won. North led to the club A, ruffed the 4 with the spade 6 and saw West over-ruff with the Q. The diamond K won and the A was ruffed by the spade 4. North reckoned that West's failure to return a trump indicated he had no

more, so ruffed the club 9 with the dummy's last spade and easily took all but one of the remainder with the ruff of a diamond, three high trumps, two heart leads including one ruffed by East and then the last with a trump.

The score slip then showed that one 4-Spade contractor got set two tricks! Inquiry showed how that crazy result developed. The club K won the first trick, then declarer tried to set up hearts by taking the A and K, intending to ruff the third. But East ruffed the second heart, led to the diamond K and the heart 9 was ruffed by the spade J. North scored the club A and led the 4 to ruff with the spade 6, which West over-ruffed. The heart 10 was returned. North ruffed with the spade 8 and was over-ruffed by the 10. East then returned his spade 3, taking out dummy's last trump and assuring the defence a fifth trick with the club 10 over North's 9.

Tomorrow's Problem

SAK 10 2  
H A 9 8 6  
D K  
CA 9 4 2  
S Q 9 6  
H K  
D Q J 10 8  
C Q 8 5 3

(Dealer: South. Both sides vulnerable.)

How valuable do you rate the singleton kings of North and South during the bidding?

## Japan's Plea For Assistance

Tokyo, July 1. Premier Katayama, addressing the Diet today, expressed the hope that the peace conference would be held as soon as possible, adding that the peace treaty would be the "dawn" of a new era.

He said the Japanese nation had been demilitarized and was making progress toward democratization. He also said the

Japanese people hoped they could return to the world family of nations as soon as possible and contribute to permanent world peace.

In this connection, Katayama welcomed SCAP's decision regarding private international commercial relations with Japan as aiding Japan's recovery. At the same time, he expressed hope for spiritual and economic assistance from the Allied nations.

He devoted a great portion of his speech to admitting the nation's economic difficulties, making the nation's cooperation in support of the government economic programme.

He made no reference to the reparations question nor to occupation problems after the peace treaty was signed. United Press.

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## Ramadier Denies Rumour

Paris, July 1.

Premier Ramadier denied persistent reports today that he would shake up his Cabinet in an effort to avoid resigning and plunging the nation into a governmental crisis.

The future of his government, he told reporters, is dependent upon the National Assembly's action on a motion of confidence that he said he would propose soon, probably Wednesday.

His denial conflicted with reports from his own office on Monday night that he contemplated making several changes in his Cabinet which, informants said, might avert his forced resignation.

Ramadier's troubles are coming to a head at the start of the crucial month of July, which the Communist-dominated Labour Union Federation has set a deadline for discussion of the revision of wage scales for all French workers.

### Strikes

Approximately 1,000,000 metal workers have scheduled a 24-hour nation-wide strike today.

Bank employees said their 11-day walkout for higher wages would continue indefinitely.

A strike of the nationalised tobacco industry was averted only by last minute negotiations. Disagreement among the Socialists, the central MRP, Radical Socialists and Independents on how far to go in meeting labour's demands is one cause of the shakiness of the Cabinet. Associated Press.

## Reunited After 37 Years

Dundee, July 1.

Two childhood sweethearts, Mrs. Rose Waldron of Buffalo, New York, and Colin McMahon, of Dundee, were reunited on Monday but no wedding bells are in prospect yet.

They separated in 1910 when Mrs. Waldron—then Rose Connor—moved with her family to America. Each married but six years ago Mrs. Waldron was widowed and McMahon's wife died. Two years ago the childhood sweethearts began to correspond.

On Monday Mrs. Waldron, now 51, arrived in Dundee after flying the Atlantic to spend a month in Scotland at McMahon's invitation.

Asked if he intended to propose marriage, McMahon, 55, said: "Not this time, but when I visit Rose in Buffalo two years from now I hope to pop the question."

Mrs. Waldron gave no hint what her answer would be. Associated Press.

## "Commandos" As A Spearhead

Paris, June 30.

General Charles de Gaulle was to have been assassinated sometime in July as part of the plot which was officially disclosed today to overthrow the French Republic, the Paris evening paper "L'Intransigeant" reported tonight.

General de Gaulle, it said, was to be killed "in what would have appeared to be a Communist act so as to arouse the indignation of the French population."

The plot was revealed today by M. Depreux, Minister of the Interior, who said that a Fascist "March on Paris"—apparently somewhat on the lines of Mussolini's march on Rome—was to be carried out by Rightwing Resistance men, Monarchists, Vichy supporters and former collaborators, calling themselves the "Black Maquis."

Official investigation has been going on since the end of last year, he said, and conclusive evidence had been amassed by last March.

The rising appeared to have been planned for some time in July or for August 6, though he did not know of any special significance in that date. Tanks and armed vehicles were to have been used.

Three prominent people, including a general, have been arrested. It is announced that a middle-aged woman, member of an old French family, has been questioned by the police on reports that much of the plotting was done in her salon, allegedly beneath a portrait of Mussolini.

The plot included plans for a double-pronged march on Paris, from Brittany in the west and from the French Zone of Germany in the East. M. Depreux told a press conference.

The first objective of the plotters was to organise a jailbreak at Vannes, in Brittany, to create an atmosphere of civil war.

From evidence obtained, M. Depreux said, some or even all of the gendarmerie guarding Vannes Prison would have been involved in the break, offering only "token" resistance by firing revolvers in the air.

### Central Hqs.

The plot appears to have been largely engineered in Brittany, the Monarchist and Rightwing Catholic stronghold, with an autonomous movement of its own.

The central organisation of the plot, the authorities believe, was at Lamballe, 25 miles southwest of St. Malo and seven miles from the coast. Comte de Vulpain, a Brittany landowner, whose country house at Lamballe was said to be the plotters' headquarters, was one of the three leading personages so far arrested.

The others were General Guillaudot, Inspector of Gendarmerie, and M. Lousteau Lacau, whose name was linked before the war with the Fascist secret society known as the "Cagoulards" (Hooded Men).

General Guillaudot, aged 54, described as an early collaborator of Marshal Petain and later interned in a German concentration camp, was later made a "Companion of the Liberation", one of the highest decorations awarded to French patriots.

## BRITAIN ASKS FOR AN EXPLANATION

London, June 30.

Major Christopher Mayhew, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons today that the British Ambassador in Washington had been instructed to seek an explanation of United States action in authorizing a second Japanese Antarctic whaling expedition without consultation with her wartime Allies.

Great Britain reluctantly assented to the first Japanese whaling expedition last year on the understanding that London and the Dominions would be consulted if another expedition was contemplated.

The Foreign Office has made it known that Britain considers Japanese whaling methods wasteful and also fears a whaling fleet might provide the nucleus for a future Japanese navy.

A Foreign Office spokesman also revealed today that the British representative in Tokyo had been asked for a report on General Douglas MacArthur's action in authorizing the Japanese to work the phosphate deposit on Angaur Island without consulting Britain or Australia.

The spokesman, commenting on General MacArthur's statement, said Britain shared the viewpoint that conclusion of a peace treaty with Japan was de-

### TERROR GANG

Salonika, June 30.

Newspaper reports said today that the Salonika police broke up an alleged terrorist gang which killed two gendarmes and had planned to blow up the main power station.

Reports said between 40 and 50 persons were arrested. United Press.

## DE GAULLE "ON THE SPOT"

## "Black Maquis" Murder Plot Revealed

## Pushbutton Warfare Debunked

Washington, June 30.

Two Admirals gave pushbutton warfare a debunking today.

Admiral John Towers, naval air expert and former Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, and Rear Admiral Ralph O'Fall, atomic expert, said such warfare was a long way off. They testified before the House Executive Expenditures Committee, which is considering legislation for mitigation of the armed forces.

Admiral Towers and Admiral O'Fall opposed the provision to establish an independent air force. Admiral Towers told the Committee it would be "utterly impossible" to put the United States out of action in a matter of a few hours or few days by mass atomic attack.

"We haven't the control of guided missiles you have been led to believe," he said.

Admiral O'Fall said pushbutton warfare was at least five to twenty years off. He said in the event of war high-speed jet planes rather than heavy bombers would carry atomic bombs. United Press.

### The "Blue Plan"

The plotters named their operation "the Blue Plan."

According to "Ce Soir," the conspirators fomented a hunger strike a fortnight ago in Fresites Prison, where many collaborators are still held. Their liberation was said to be part of the plot.

The conspirators are reported to have held a meeting in Paris last week at a memorial service for Philippe Henriot, the Vichy Minister of Information shot by patriots during the occupation.

A comb-out was made today in Brittany, especially in the cities of Rennes and Vannes, where the main elements of the rebel forces were to have been recruited.

Regimes before the war was the centre of Rightwing and Monarchist demonstrations and the headquarters of the separatists, who looked upon it as the "capital of Brittany."

The plot had been prepared to the minutest detail, including even a list of members of the "rebel government."

A "Commando" force was to spearhead the attack, with the main rebel army formed into divisions. Details were found in documents seized at the Chateau des Bois at Lamballe, seat of the Comte de Vulpain, when the police made their search.

Recent investigations into the activities of certain former Vichy officers led the police to Lamballe.

The rising, which aimed at overthrowing the Fourth Republic, was to open with attacks on telegraph and telephone centres all over the country. Rebel forces were at the same time to march on Paris and seize the main Government offices.

### "Battle Orders"

M. Depreux said that battle orders, posters and proclamations announcing the formation of a Directory to take over the Government were discovered. They were modelled on similar proclamations by Marshal Petain at the time of the Vichy Government.

The "Black Maquis" had also prepared ostensibly Communist pamphlets which they planned to distribute as justification for the "anti-Communist" march on Paris.

In answer to a question whether any members of General Charles de Gaulle's Rally of the French People were also members of the "Black Maquis", M. Depreux replied: "Certain members of the 'Black Maquis' tried to join, but they were eliminated by the leading official of the Rally."—Reuter.

### Charged

Paris, June 30.

Formal charges of plotting to overthrow the French Fourth Republic were filed today against two alleged leaders of the Rightist "Black Maquis" who allegedly planned an armed march on Paris to set up Nazism and dictatorship.

If convicted, they are liable to the death penalty.

They are General Guillaudot, Inspector of the French Gendarmerie, and wealthy Count de Vulpain, president of an association of war veterans.

Two others are held without specific charges in the alleged "Blue Plan" which Edouard Depreux, Minister of the Interior, said was a "grave menace to the French Republic." The Minister promised an inquiry "to the very end—no matter who is compromised."—United Press.

The Comte de Vulpain, 47, is also director of the weekly political paper, "France Vivante." He was said to have been a fervent Petainist at the beginning of the war and there were rumours that his chateau was once visited by Hitler.



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## Australian Dispute With U.S.

Tokyo, June 30.

The Australian Minister of External Affairs, Dr. Herbert Evatt, will walk into a "touchy situation" if he comes to Japan in July as reported, but it is currently rumoured here that the trip may be cancelled in view of the controversy over the Japanese Antarctic whaling expedition.

American officials said his reception would be "warm" if he came, but the general attitude of American officials was that the Australian protests on whaling were "rather unfair."

The Americans believe that the charge that the move to permit a second Japanese whaling expedition was made without consultation is entirely without basis. Also, they object to total blame being placed on General MacArthur since the decision was reached in Washington.

The Americans here think the real reason for the Australian protests are not yet out in the open.

They believe Australia wants the Japanese whaling fleet as reparation and see difficulty in realizing this as long as the United States permits the use of the fleet by the Japanese. United Press.

## Mountbatten To Stay?

London, July 1.

India's "last Viceroy," Viscount Mountbatten, it is believed in Labour Party circles, will remain in India for some time as Governor-General of both Hindustan and Pakistan after they become Dominions.

The Governor-General of a British Dominion is, in effect, a "stand in" for the King. Unless the two Indian states now being formed break away from the Commonwealth, King George VI will remain the King of both.

Mountbatten's prestige has shot skyward since he persuaded India's Congress Party and Muslim League to accept partition and, for the time being at least, membership in the Commonwealth.

In addition, he is understood to be sympathetic with the Labour government's home front programme. Associated Press.

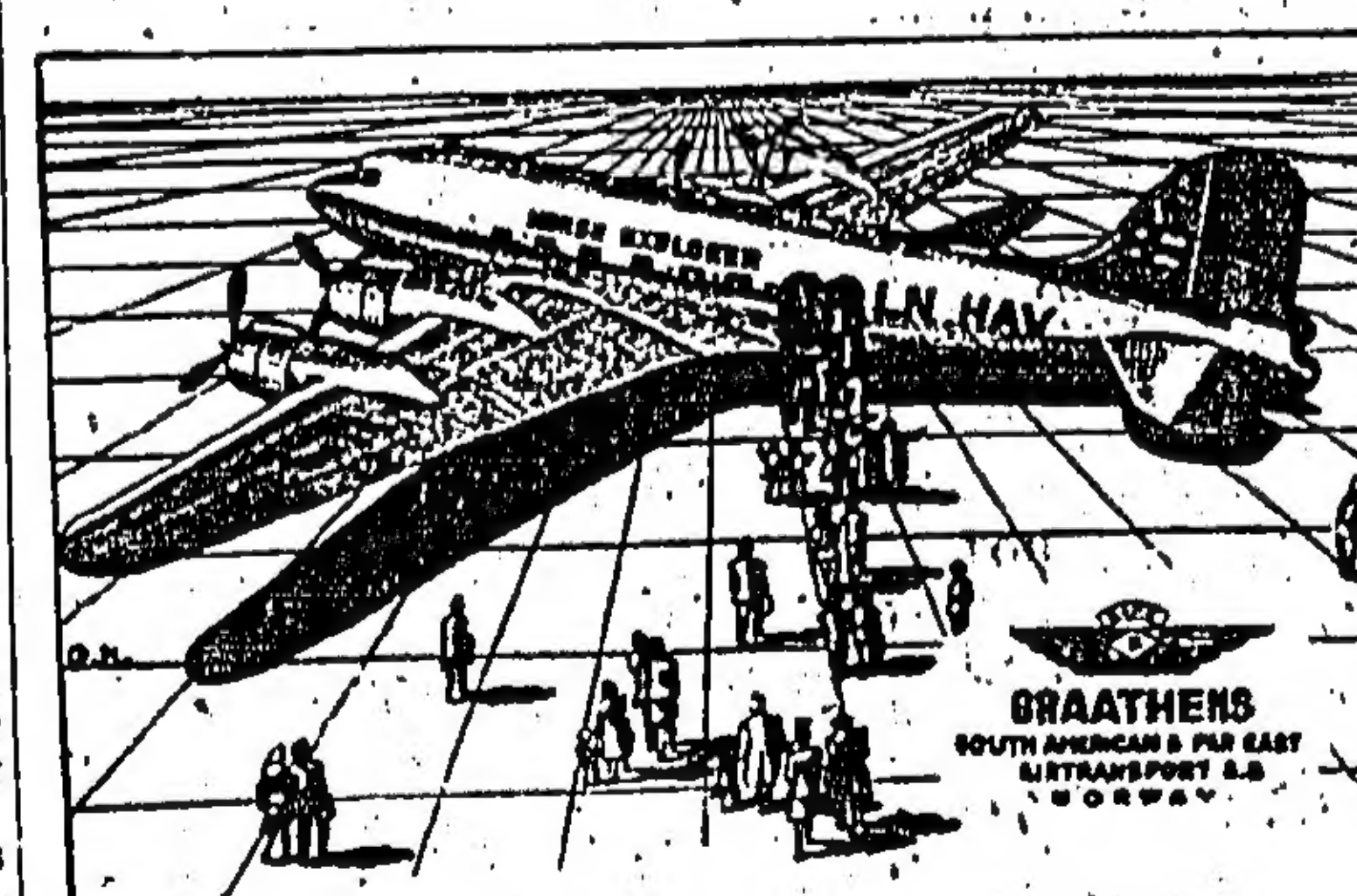
### INDUCEMENT TO ENLISTMENT

Washington, June 30.

President Truman today signed a bill to stimulate Army enlistments and re-enlistments.

The measure, effective tomorrow, lowers the minimum age for volunteers from 18 to 17, but written consent from parents must be given for 17-year-olds.

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**China Parties Combine**

Marshall Li Chai-sum, one of the leading critics of the present Chinese Central Government, assumed leadership of the China Democratic Promotion Association yesterday. It was announced that the Association in Shanghai, headed by elderly Professor Ma Han-un, and the Association in South China, led by General Tsai Ting-kai, had decided to merge.

At a press conference yesterday, Marshall Li explained that since the platforms of the two organisations were identical, it was decided to amalgamate. The veteran Chinese soldier also described the history of both associations, the head office of which will be in Shanghai with the Hong Kong office at 38 Queen's Road, Central, 2nd Floor.

The typhoon season is at hand, and at any time during the next four or five months Hong Kong may expect a blow. The word "season" perhaps gives rise to a false sense of security, for it implies that typhoons will only occur at certain times of year.

This is not so; typhoons or tropical cyclones have been recorded in the Far East in all months of the year, although they reach their greatest frequency and intensity in the late summer and autumn. During the last 60 years, typhoon gales in Hong Kong have been confined to the months July to November inclusive; this does not rule out the possibility of a gale occurring at some other time of year.

Weather charts for the Far Eastern area are plotted three times a day at the Observatory, and the course of any tropical cyclone or typhoon can be followed as it moves across the earth's surface. The accuracy with which the position of a typhoon can be

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## An American Triumph Final Stages Of Wimbledon

Wimbledon, June 30.  
Three United States players and one Australian will contest the semi-finals of the Wimbledon championships on Wednesday, with Jack Kramer, the lanky American facing the English-born Australian Dinny Pails in one half and the two Americans, Tom Brown and Budge Patty, meeting in the other.

It was America's day today in the quarter-finals. If pride of place is given to Kramer, who brushed aside last year's finalist, the two-handed Geoffrey Brown, of Australia, with a 6-0, 6-1, 6-3 victory in a manner which amazed even his greatest supporters, high praise is also due to the way that the unseeded American, Budge Patty, hero of Saturday's match with John Bromwich, confirmed that this unexpected win was no fluke by eliminating Jaroslav Drobny, the hope of Europe, by 3-6, 6-4, 7-9, 6-2, 6-3.

Tom Brown, another Californian player, had his revenge over Yvon Petra, of France, last year's Wimbledon champion, who in winning last year's title beat Brown in the semi-finals after a five-set battle. Today, the giant Frenchman was but a shadow of his best year's self and Brown won in a straight victory of 7-5, 6-2, 6-1.

In the other quarter final, Pails only just succeeded in preventing an All-American semi-final, by beating Bud Falkenberg 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, 6-2.

In the women's singles event, United States players again dominated the situation for the "Big Four," Louise Brough, Doris Hart, Margaret Osborne and Patricia Todd, all reached the last eight today without dropping a set.

Two English women, Jean Nicoll Bostock and Kay Stammers, also got through and are joined in the quarter-finals by Sheila Summers and the Australian, Nancy Wynne Bolton.

**Ten In A Row**  
Kramer gave one of the most impressive displays ever seen at Wimbledon in beating two-handed Geoff Brown in half an hour. In no way troubled by the unorthodox Australian, he flashed over winners at will, taking the first ten games in a row.

The defeat of the champion, Petra, was not unexpected. He has had a bad leg this year and was almost an absentee. While he was the first to disclaim in his sportsmanlike manner that his leg had nothing to do with his defeat, it seemed to those watching him that it was giving him trouble.

Petra was not striding across the court like the Colossus that he is and he shot a few which left many would-be come back like "mushy balls." Drobny, spotting that the Frenchman's back hand was not functioning well, scored many winners with perfectly timed drives to his left wing.

Budge Patty, with his tall up after Saturday's fine win, faced the left-handed Czech Drobny with great confidence. Drobny, while not serving up to his best form, seemed to have the match in safe keeping when taking the third set after the American had four times been within a point of winning it.

At this point, Patty tired, but he it was who took the offensive and raced away to an easy set win to level the match. Drobny was very tired and began to over-hit, allowing Patty to win the final set for the match.

**Great Duel**  
Pails and Falkenberg, the two players who had not lost a set in the championships hitherto, had a great duel on court No. 1. The Australian started well, getting a 4-2 lead, but the American, playing in his first Wimbledon, refused to be rattled and not only took the first set, but won five games successively, finally taking the second set also.

Falkenberg's long reach seemed to be troubling Pails, who was 2-3 behind in the third set. Spectators thought that another surprise was coming, but then Pails hit his brilliant best form and took 13 games in a row, turning the two sets' deficit into two sets all and a 3-0 lead in the deciding.

With Falkenberg suffering from cramp he became an easy victim for the Australian, who alone keeps the Empire flag flying.

The American girls did not win too easily today. Madame Ruzic, of Rumania, only went down 6-4, 6-6 to Doris Hart after holding a 4-3 lead in the second set, while

## Yorkshire Lose Again

**BETTING BOARD CHAIRMAN**  
London, July 1.  
The "Betting Board Chairman" has appointed General Sir Miles Dempsey, to the chairmanship of the Betting Board for the year ending July 31. In place of Sir Reginald Bligh, who is resigning. — Associated Press.

## Soccer Tours In U.S.

New York, June 30.  
Rex Stranger, wartime Mayor of Southampton and director of the Southampton soccer team, addressed the annual meeting of the U.S. Soccer Football Association here today and said the Southampton team was anxious to tour America "not to make money, but purely to help soccer in the United States."

Mr. Stranger proposed that, in addition to a series of games, mid-week clinics should be held in which the Southampton players would teach the fundamentals of soccer to young Americans.

He suggested that since the Scottish Football Association had been invited to send a team to tour the United States in spring next year, a game between the Southampton and Scottish teams should be arranged.

The USSFA sent an invitation to the Scottish Association this weekend and also voted to invite the Swedish Football Association to send a representative team here next spring, but no definite date has been set. — United Press.

Geneva, June 30.  
The return of Mr. William L. Clayton, United States Under-Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, to Geneva revived hopes today that the deadlock in American-Australian tariff negotiations might be resolved. The deadlock has stymied United States negotiations with the entire British Commonwealth group. — United Press.

Mrs. Doris Hart of the United States beat Britain's Jean Nicoll Bostock 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 to enter the semi-finals.

Louise Brough (United States) defeated Australia's Mrs. Nancy Wynne Bolton 6-2, 6-3.

In the men's doubles, Bob Falkenberg and Jack Kramer of the United States defeated Derek Barton and Geoff Patch of Britain 6-2, 6-4, 6-1. — United Press.

**High Scoring At Trent Bridge**  
Nottingham, June 30.  
A second wicket partnership of 157 in two and a quarter hours between Bruce Mitchell (97) and Denis Dyer (62) helped the South Africans to score 365 in reply to Nottinghamshire's first innings total of 324 at Trent Bridge today.

Notts were 26 for no wickets in their second innings at the close of play.

Coming together after Alan Melville, the South African captain, had been dismissed at three, Mitchell and Dyer completely mastered all bowlers on the "batman's paradise" wicket.

Mitchell, dropped when at two, gave what for him was an unusually enterprising display, featuring stylish cutting and driving. He hit ten fours and was robbed of his century by trying to steal a quick single.

Dyer, playing for a place in the Test team, was palmatively slow. His first 50 — his highest score of the tour — occupied two and a quarter hours. His complete innings lasted two hours and 50 minutes and included only four boundaries. Although a laborious effort, it was free from error.

## KOWLOON RADIO THEFTS Europeans Victimised By Airman Deserter

### Campaign To Be Stepped Up Man With A Lot Of Nerve

The story of how the alertness of a Chinese constable, Chau Yuk, attached to the Tsim-sha-tui Police (Land Division), resulted in solving a series of radio thefts in Kowloon was related by DSI W. J. Wall to Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday when Li Ying-kam, 29, appeared on a charge of the larceny of three radio sets.

Defendant, described as a deserter from the Chinese National Air Force, was convicted of stealing a radio from 4C Hart Avenue at 5.30 p.m. on June 18; from 13 Observatory Road, first floor, at 12 noon on June 14; and from 164 Argyle Street, top floor, at 2.30 p.m. on June 8. He was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

DSI Wall said that as the result of reports of losses of radios, all Stations were notified to keep a close look-out in hotels, dance halls, restaurants, and radio-dealers' shops, for anyone who might be offering a set for sale.

The reports described the thief as a Chinese speaking the Shanghai dialect and a little English, dressed in the full uniform of an officer of the Chinese National Air Force.

**The Technique**  
The technique employed in all cases, said DSI Wall, was for the man to ask for either the master or mistress of the flat and, when told he or she was out, to ask for a piece of paper to write a note. (These notes, in each case, consisted of only a few un decipherable words which were quite meaningless.)

While writing the note, continued DSI Wall, the man would ask the servant for a glass of water. During the servant's absence the radio was put into a canvas bag and, after handing the servant the note on his return, carried away by the caller.

In Mrs. Metzger's case, went on DSI Wall, the servant was more obliging in that she went out to look for her mistress, leaving the man alone in the house. On her return she saw the caller at the front door about to leave.

**Shadowed By Constable**  
At about 8 p.m. on June 27, PCC Chau Yuk was near the Star Ferry in Kowloon when he saw a Chinese Air Force Officer entering the ferry wharf. Noticing a pair of earphones in the man's hip-pocket, Chau Yuk trailed the man to Hong Kong where they both boarded an east-bound tram at the Post Office.

The accused got down from the tram at Arsenal Street, walked along Queen's Road East, and boarded another tram at Johnston Road. Still shadowed by the constable, he got off near the Oriental Theatre and walked along Wanchai Road.

PCC Chau Yuk, who was in plain clothes, called upon PCC 1466 to stop defendant. When questioned by the constables, accused began to bluster and challenged the Police officers' right to submit an Air Force officer to the indignity of a search.

**European Victims**  
Brought to the Wanchai Police Station, accused refused to give any information about himself with the exception of his being in the Chinese Air Force. He kept up his bluff until, on telephone instructions from DSI Wall, he was taken to the Tsim-sha-tui Police Station.

Under close questioning, said DSI Wall, accused finally admitted the thefts. He said that he sold the first radio, belonging to Mrs. Metzger, to a radio store at Des Voeux Road Central; the second (owned by Mr. Hawley) to a shop in Nathan Road; and the third (the property of Sgt. Ldr. Martin) to another store in Nathan Road.

The first two sets were recovered, but Sgt. Ldr. Martin's radio had been resold by the shop to a soldier.

**Lot Of Nerve**  
DSI Wall added that the series of thefts were very carefully planned and that defendant "certainly had quite a lot of nerve in going to the houses and getting away with the sets."

Once apprehended, he helped the Police in recovering the two sets which would otherwise have been impossible to locate.

## Doctor Charged With Obtaining Bribe

The allegation that medicines and drugs for injections were not supplied by Government to Public Dispensaries was made by Dr. Lim Ek Quee in his evidence-in-chief before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday.

Dr. Lim (defended by Mr. Marcus da Silva) is charged with obtaining a bribe of \$3 from Wong Yau-shing on May 22, and with conspiring with Ho Chiu, coolie of the Shamshuipo Public Dispensary, to demand money from patients and prospective patients in order to obtain preferential treatment by eliminating the inconvenience of taking their turn in the queue for medical treatment.

Mr. F.F.W. Shafrin, SSP, prosecutor, assisted by DSI V.M. Morrison.

A graduate of the Hong Kong University (1931 Class), Dr. Lim escaped into Free China in August 1942, and was commissioned a Captain in the RANC in 1943. On returning to Hong Kong in April 1946 he was appointed M/O Mental Home and, later M/O Public Mortuary. He resigned on August 1946 but was persuaded by Dr. Selwyn Clarke to remain for another six months or a year, he said.

On joining the Shamshuipo Public Dispensary he found that the system of work there was for patients to register between 8 and 9 a.m., when they would be given numbered cards. When the doctor arrived at 9 a.m. the patients were given pieces of paper before interviewing him. Patients arriving after 9 a.m. were not given cards but were registered by Ho Chiu.

Referring to Wong, Dr. Lim said that when seen by him, Wong complained of various pains, ending up with the statement that he had had malaria three months before. When he refused to grant a sick leave certificate, and referred Wong to the Kowloon Hospital, Wong refused to leave at first.

When he returned from an adjoining room, his nurse lifted up a piece of blotting paper and found \$3 under it. He immediately sent another coolie after Wong but the coolie returned later with the money and the information that Wong had left without taking his medicine. He put the money into his drawer.

As to the other money found in his drawer, Dr. Lim declared that was the amount paid to him by a woman patient, Leung Sam, for some injections he purchased for her.

No medicines or drugs for injections, with the exception of Vitamin B solutions and vaccines, were supplied by Government and he used to advise his patients to purchase the necessary injections themselves. Some of them would ask him to obtain the medicines for them and he would invariably do so, charging them at cost.

He had also a stock of Shanghai and foreign-made drugs in his drawer, said Dr. Lim, as a stand-by for emergencies. These would be given to patients at cost price. In reply to Mr. Shafrin, witness said that he was not delighted with his present appointment.

## Rice Riot In Chengtu

Shanghai, July 1.  
Rice riots occurred on Saturday at Chengtu, capital of Szechwan Province, as a result of "a man-made famine," the pro-Kuomintang "Sin Wen Pao" reported today.

The paper said rioters looted several shops and foodstuffs "but the authorities apart from dispersing the ravenous mobs did not resort to any strong repressive measures."

"It did not elaborate on the term 'man-made famine' but presumably this was a reference to hoarders and profiteers. No casualties were mentioned. — Associated Press.

## RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 816 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30, and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
1.10 p.m.—Light Variety.  
1.10 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.  
1.15 p.m.—Popular Ballads by Mrs. Gough (Soprano) and John McIlhenny (Tenor).  
1.30 p.m.—Music from the Latest Films.  
1.50 p.m.—Close Down.  
6.30 p.m.—Studio Children's Half-Hour.  
6.30 p.m.—Norman, Groucher and His Orchestra.  
6.45 p.m.—An Edward German Programme.  
7.30 p.m.—Studio Recital by "Kallio" Salonen (Alto) & E. M. Hakola (Piano) with piano accompaniment.  
7.45 p.m.—Studio "Do You Cheat?" A Talk by Matthew Blackland.  
7.55 p.m.—H.N.C. Transcription Service: "Why I Believe in the Church." A Talk by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.  
8.00 p.m.—London Relay: World News.  
8.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.  
8.15 p.m.—Studio "I Bring You Music." Classical Request Programme presented by Marion Glover.  
9.15 p.m.—A Grier Programme.  
9.45 p.m.—Kreidler's Copiousness played by Andrew Kostalabski & Orch.  
10.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.  
10.10 p.m.—Weather Report.  
10.15 p.m.—Music for Dancing.  
10.15 p.m.—"Twilight Melodrama."  
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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